

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 10:15am + Livestream

Emmanuel Church of the Deaf:

Sunday at 11:30 AM



Daily Masses

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8am



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9:00am-3:00 pm

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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Walk with us on:



St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

We are a Resurrection people rooted in our rich Catholic heritage. We are growing in the *SPIRIT*, as individuals and as a faith community. We answer the CALL to LIVE

OUT our Baptismal VOCATION in our daily lives, bringing the LIGHT of Christ's presence to our families, workplaces, neighborhoods, and the WORLD.

We dare to LIVE the LIFE of Jesus Christ, transforming discouragement into HOPE, fear into LOVE, isolation into COMMUNITY.

Join us Online!

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Visit our website to get connected to all our online resources, including Mass, faith activities and reflections, online giving, and ways to get involved.

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Congratulations to our two youth who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week! We are so proud of their hard work. A big thanks to their families for helping them prepare for this special moment!

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

— John 4

March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

Visit our website and follow us on social media for even more ways to stay connected to our community. For help or to join the parish email list and receive our weekly news, email monicabulletin@dor.org. If you were receiving the weekly parish email and are no longer receiving it, please check your email settings and make sure you allow emails from monicabulletin@dor.org.

**Confessions by appointment –
call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 7	Madelyn Juba – Mark & Sharon Juba
Sun. Mar. 8	Lawrence Walsh – Sandy Chamberlain
Tues. Mar. 10	Carl Zahn – Pat Fox Zahn
Wed. Mar. 11	All Parishioners
Thur. Mar. 12	La Tanya Jones Mallice – Jean Button
Fri. Mar. 13	All Souls
Sat. Mar. 14	Guy, Gary & Michael Pugliese – Family Patti Grant-Zollo - Family
Sun. Mar. 15	Richard Robinson – Mary Robinson



We Need Weekly and Weekend Mass Intentions!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions to remember a deceased loved one or celebrate a birthday, anniversary, etc. Please call or stop by the office to schedule.
Thank you!

Needed: Candy for our Easter Egg Hunt

Help us reach 1,000 eggs for our joint Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and St. Monica Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5!

We need small, individually-wrapped candies that can fit into small eggs.

PLEASE, NO PEANUTS.

Candy can be donated anytime before March 18 to the office.

Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org with questions.

Thank you for helping make Easter special!

Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Bob Mulcahy
Carol Yacono
Jayde Stemmer

Our Deceased
Carrie Reilley
Jessica Tette's cousin

Those who are housing vulnerable
An end to racism
An end to war
God's creation



THOSE IN THE MILITARY

CJ Arnell, Joshua Bartlett, Zachary Bartlett, Jarid Cook, Andrew Chmiel, Andrea Gerard, David Englert, Richard Lewis, Angela Aviles Lewis, Andrea Christ, Terry Redfield, Jr.

Lamp Intentions for March

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Robert, Doris & Peter Will
Doris Will Meadows



Steve Moss
Kris & Jeremy Moss



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Riley, Sara & Norman Will
Doris Will Meadows

Robert & Jean Vane
Children/Family

This Week at St. Monica Church: March 8/15, 2026

Sunday, 3/8	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 3:00-8:00 pm – Youth Group Retreat
Monday, 3/9	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 3/10	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 6:00 pm – Welcome Committee Meeting
Wed., 3/11	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 3/12	12:00 pm – Rusty Halos Senior Luncheon, Eddy's Restaurant on Buffalo Road 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 3/13	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 3/14	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 3/15	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Holy Week 2026

St. Monica Church,
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, &
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Palm Sunday Mass: 10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
March 29 831 Genesee St.
Youth presentation of the passion

Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: April 2
7:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration

Good Friday Service: Noon - Immaculate Conception
April 3 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter: 6:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

Easter Vigil: 7:01 pm
April 4 Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Sunday Mass: April 5

10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

All are welcome, especially you!



CMA Goal:
\$25,000
82 Donors
\$22,606 pledged
90% of goal



As of this date, 82 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

Parishioner Sheila Clements participated in a project with her granddaughter, CaTyra Polland – a chapter book to help seniors leave a lasting legacy. Check out the full story here:
<https://13wham.com/news/local/locally-authored-chapbook-helps-seniors-leave-a-lasting-legacy>



HELP FEED OUR TEENS
YOUTH GROUP DINNER PROGRAM

Wednesdays during the school year, 6:30-7pm

- Cook and serve,
- send a meal,
- or give a \$ gift

Feed physical and spiritual hunger

Studies show that food is an important factor in youth group attendance!



Let's support our teens on their faith journey!
 Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up.

Deacon Pat was a legendary guest storyteller at Rochester School for the Deaf's ASL Festival! He inspires us every day!
<https://www.facebook.com/rsdeaf>



Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

[@stmonicaofrochester](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicaofrochester)

[@st.monicachurch](https://www.instagram.com/stmonicachurch)

[St. Monica Church - Mass](https://www.youtube.com/StMonicaChurch)

We are glad you worshipped with us last week!

Attendance Feb 28/Mar 1	192
Attendance Feb 21/Feb 22	167
Attendance Feb 14/Feb 15	165
2026 YTD Average Attendance	151
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$22,606 • 90%

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

You are welcome at St. Monica Catholic Church! **Do you want to know more about how to join the parish?** Call the parish office today at 235-3340. It's that easy!

VOLUNTEERS:

All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating a Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, email jessica.tette@dor.org for training instructions..

Bulletin

Did you sign up to receive the bulletin by email but are no longer receiving it? Please check your email settings to ensure you allow emails from monicabulletin@dor.org. Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email monicabulletin@dor.org.

Our links in the bulletin are live! If you are viewing this bulletin electronically, hold down Ctrl and click links in the bulletin to visit those sites.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Please send submissions by 4pm on Sundays: monicabulletin@dor.org with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

How do I give my offering?

1. Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to

St. Monica Church
 34 Monica St.
 Rochester, NY 14619



2. **OSV Online Giving:** Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds>) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.

3. **Text 2 Give:** Text your donation amount to 226-7514.

Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!

Emergency Food: If you need emergency food, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or go to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9 AM to 11 AM.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel
 585-328-3228, ext. 1555
 Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
 or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.



Fr. Ray was gifted this awesome depiction of Mary, mother of God, shown with words from her Magnificat - her prayer of praise to God. Although Mary is often depicted as quiet and demure in her faith, this art piece encourages us to see Mary's faith as passionate action. After all, Mary is known to be a protector,

and Catholics fervently ask Mary to pray for them. Prayer is more than just words - it can be action, too. May Mary, the mother of our God and our mother, inspire us to put our prayers into action for justice and peace in our world. Mary, pray for us!

Lenten Soup Supper Saturday, March 21 after 4 pm Mass



The Welcome and Social Justice Committees would like to invite everyone to a simple soup supper in the narthex. The Blue Bag collection for that weekend March 21 and 22 will be for St. Joseph's Northside and our speaker will be William Camp, the Program Coordinator at St. Joseph's Northside. Bill will be sharing the many services that they offer for their guests. Look for the signup sheets and sign up to attend, or help with set up, take down or bring a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a salad. Please plan on coming to share this simple meal during our time of reflecting on the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Any questions: call JoAnn DeMott at 313-2614.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

We can bring the light of Christ's presence to still another St. Monica neighborhood business for Lenten Friday dinners.



Cassan's Catering & Restaurant at 626 West Main St. serves lunch & dinner Thursday-Sunday, from 12pm-9pm.

Cassan's daily specials include "Fishy Friday" specials featuring haddock, salmon or shrimp dinners. Chef Cassandra Mathews also loves to cater for holidays, anniversaries, weddings, or any special event. Call 585-286-9318 or stop by to ask about catering prices. Scan to see Cassan's menu.



Social Justice News

Dorothy Day (November 8, 1897 – November 29, 1980) was a social activist and convert to Catholicism. Along with Peter Maurin, Dorothy established the Catholic Worker Movement. The Catholic Worker Movement has a series of hospitality houses throughout the country, and they combine direct service to the poor and homeless with non-violent political action, including civil disobedience when necessary. She also taught the Catholic economic concept of "distributism" - a combination of socialism and capitalism. A quote: "Your love for God is only as great as the love you have for the person you love the least." Dorothy Day has not yet officially become a saint in the eyes of the Church but is in the eyes of many. Our own St Joseph's House of Hospitality on South Ave is part of the Catholic Worker and does amazing work - God's work!!

No Kings Part Three: On March 28th from noon until 3:00, there will be a demonstration against government policies which go against our Christian and Catholic faith. This event will be peaceful, legal, and non-violent, and will take place almost in our backyard at the Genesee Gateway Park at 115 Mt Hope Ave. just south of the Ford Street bridge.

March Blue Bag Collection: The Blue Bag donations for the month of March will be on March 21 & March 22, and it will be for St. Joseph's Northside on Lyell Ave. St. Joseph's Northside is in need of travel-size hygiene products, white cotton wash cloths, oatmeal, grits, and Nature Valley sweet and salty nut granola bars (they serve breakfasts 4 days a week). They also have a wish list on Amazon, which you can find on their website: <https://www.ssrochester.org/st-josephs-northside>. Thank you for your consistent generosity for those in need.

Blue Bags from February were filled with food to go to SWEM. Thank you for being Christ for others!

If you would like to be part of the Social Justice team at St. Monica or if you would like to be informed/updated on events, contact Dan Lill at danlill126@gmail.com or 585-313-6027.



Needed: CLEAN plastic food containers with lids to send food home with youth group teens. New or used, but CLEAN, please! Thank you!



Beware of Scams

You might have received a text or email from someone claiming to be "Fr. Ray" and asking for money, gift cards, or something urgent. Please remember that this is a SCAM. **No matter what the message says, remember that Fr. Ray will never reach out personally to you to ask for money or gift cards.** The ways that Fr. Ray would ask for money are in an announcement to the whole church or via official letter (particularly in the case of the Catholic Ministries Appeal). DO NOT give money to someone asking through text or email - these scammers usually ask for a "favor." **Fr. Ray's ONLY email address is fr.ray.fleming@dor.org - emails from other email addresses claiming to be Fr. Ray are scams.** You can be certain that someone contacting you in these ways is NOT Fr. Ray. Block the contact. If you are unsure, you can always call the office.